

Olliffe (*Phyllodes meyricki* Olliff). The name of A. Guenée, who described numerous Australian Geometridae, Pyralidae and Noctuidae, has been consistently rendered as "Guérin", the abbreviated form of F. E. Guérin-Ménéville, who named butterflies and other insects, but few if any Australian moths. In addition, the author throughout the book has contravened Article 51 (d) of the *International Code of Zoological Nomenclature* by omitting brackets from authors' names when the species has been assigned to a genus other than the original. It is a pity that the potential value of this book for correctly identifying many of our common moths is thus drastically limited. More careful attention to name-checking and proof-reading, especially by an author lacking personal familiarity with his subject, would have greatly increased the book's value.

*Moths of Australia* is well printed on good quality paper. Some of the photographs of living moths are excellent, especially that of *Hippotion scrofa* (p. 21), which is also used on the handsome dust jacket. An exception is the plate of *Agarista agricola* on lantana (p. 79), a colourful picture but scarcely informative, since only part of the hindwing is in focus. The photographs of mounted specimens vary in quality; some are good, and most are adequate for recognition. As a whole the book contributes little to our technical literature and provides a reference of only limited value to the serious naturalist or amateur entomologist interested in these insects, although it may have some appeal on the coffee table.

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